Subject No. 336.

Growing of hedges round villages.

Summary of discussion.—Objection was taken to a proposal last year (*vide* Subject No. 416) for growing hedges around villages on the ground that these hedges would afford refuge to snakes and other venomous reptiles. These hedges would be really remunerative to villagers and afford some protection against thieves and robbers. Villagers are quite capable of devising means to rid themselves of snakes and venomous reptiles. Orders should therefore be passed to plant hedges around villages and enforce the village Police Regulation in this respect, a headman being employed to supervise the Police arrangements for the security of each village.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 337.

Making over to the Municipality the Revenue from lime kilns and lands within Municipal limits.

Summary of discussion.—It is generally desired that the Government should be asked to make over to the Municipalities the revenue derived from lime kilns and lands situated within Municipal limits. This revenue is at present credited to the State apparently with no sufficient reason.

Dewan's reply.—Wait till the new Municipal Regulation is passed.

Subjec No. 338.

Provincial grant for Hoskote Town improvement.

Summary of discussion.—Hoskote Town is full of ditches which are receptacles for filth and are great nuisances. They have to be filled up and for this a grant from Provincial funds is necessary. The Deputy Commissioner has reported officially.

Dewan's reply.—The Municipality must do this and may take any profit that may accrue out of the land thus improved.

Subject No. 339.

Sub-divisions of Survey number to be given to the first applicants.

Summary of discussion.—Sub-divisions of Survey numbers should be given to those at whose instance and at whose expense the lands were sub-divided and sub-divisions demarcated. They should not be sold by public auction, as, in that case, if others buy the lands, the first applicants would lose the outlay they incurred in expectation of getting the lands.

Dewan's reply.—In such cases the outlay should be refunded out of the sale proceeds. Apply in individual cases. (*vide* also Subject No *supra*.)

Subject No. 340.

Gomal lands not to be assessed.

Summary of discussion.—Land which was *gomal* before Survey has been assessed at the Settlement in some cases. Such land should be still *gomal* and the assessment thereon should be written off.

Dewan's reply.—This is not usual. No *gomal* land is assessed and made available for cultivation unless it is in excess of the requirements of the village cattle.

Subject No. 341.

Shanbhog Inam lands to be enfranchised.

Summary of discussion.—Shanbhog and Patel Inam lands have been treated like Sarkar land and fully assessed. In many cases there is one Pattadar for such land but there are several co-sharers under him with the result that the *kandayam* due is not regularly or easily collected. It is therefore